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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2003, Applicant(s) submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper; however, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference BSO-001.01.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend claims 1-19. Claims 1-19 are thus pending after entry of the amendment. The claim amendments are intended to expedite prosecution, are not related to patentability, and are presented to correct typographical and form matters.